

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
EASTERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)	CIVIL ACTION NO.
)	
Plaintiff,)	JUDGE
)	
v.)	
)	
\$8,880.00 IN U.S. CURRENCY,)	<u>COMPLAINT IN FORFEITURE</u>
)	
Defendant.)	

NOW COMES plaintiff, the United States of America, by Justin E. Herdman, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio, and Phillip J. Tripi, Assistant U.S. Attorney, and files this Complaint in Forfeiture, alleging on information and belief the following:

JURISDICTION AND INTRODUCTION

1. This Court has jurisdiction over this in rem proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1345 and 1355, and 21 U.S.C. § 881.
2. This Court has venue in this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1395.
3. The defendant \$8,800.00 in U.S. Currency (hereinafter “defendant currency”) was seized on June 26, 2018. The defendant currency is now in the possession of the federal government.
4. Subsequent to the seizure, the United States Customs and Border Protection (hereinafter “CBP”) commenced administrative forfeiture proceedings against the defendant currency. A claim to the defendant currency was submitted in the administrative forfeiture

proceeding by Stefan Sathasivam (hereinafter “Sathasivam”), necessitating the filing of this judicial forfeiture action.

5. The defendant currency is subject to forfeiture to the United States pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 881(a)(6) because it constitutes proceeds traceable to drug trafficking activities and/or was used or intended to be used to facilitate drug trafficking in violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a) and/or 846.

FORFEITURE COUNT

6. On June 23, 2018, Sathasivam was a ticketed passenger on a Spirit Airlines flight, departing Cleveland Hopkins International Airport and destined for Los Angeles, California.

7. Prior to his flight, Sathasivam checked a piece of luggage with Spirit Airlines, which luggage was inadvertently misrouted to the American Airlines Baggage area.

8. The checked luggage was redirected to Spirit Airlines after the flight to Los Angeles had departed.

9. Pursuant to their corporate policy, Spirit Airlines conducted an administrative search of the luggage to locate three identifying items.

10. During the search, a vacuum sealer and a vacuum-sealed package of bulk currency was observed within the luggage.

11. Officers of the Cleveland Police Division (hereinafter “CPD”) were alerted to the discovery and the officers observed the bulk currency and vacuum sealer inside the luggage.

12. CPD, upon recognizing the large amount of U.S. Currency was likely the proceeds of criminal activity, referred the matter to Homeland Security Investigations (hereinafter “HSI”) for further investigation.

13. On that same date, a certified CPD canine officer and his canine, "Finnegan," conducted a controlled test at the airport, during which the canine made a positive alert for the odor of narcotics on the defendant currency.

14. HSI seized the defendant currency and placed a receipt for the seizure inside the luggage before returning it to Spirit Airlines.

15. On June 26, 2018, CPD and HSI set up surveillance at the airport for Sathisavim's scheduled return flight from Los Angeles to Cleveland, Ohio.

16. Law enforcement surveilled Sathisavim and a travelling companion, Julio C. Diaz, walk from the gate to the Spirit baggage claim officer.

17. Sathisavim attempted to recover his lost luggage at the Spirit Airlines office.

18. Sathisavim was encountered by CPD and HSI and acknowledged the luggage, which had contained the vacuum sealer and the defendant currency, belonged to him.

19. Sathisavim was arrested on unrelated warrants.

20. On July 18, 2018, HSI encountered Julio C. Diaz attempting to transport \$7,000.00 on a Spirit Airlines flight to Los Angeles, California.

21. The currency was discovered in Diaz's carry-on luggage and consisted of six rubber-banded bundles of mixed denomination Federal Reserve notes.

22. On that same date, a certified CPD canine officer and his canine, "Finnegan," conducted a controlled test at the airport, during which the canine made a positive alert for the odor of narcotics on the bundles of currency.

23. During a consensual interview, Diaz acknowledged his association with Sathisavim.

24. Sathasavim and Diaz have travelled together on other airline flights between Cleveland, Ohio, and Los Angeles, California during 2018. Following the two encounters described in this complaint, Sathasavim and Diaz altered their travel by travelling to and from Los Angeles from the Pittsburgh International Airport.

25. On December 6, 2016, the United States Postal Inspection Service intercepted an Express Mail parcel containing 1 pound, 9 ounces of marijuana within a vacuum-sealed food saver bag which had been mailed from Garden Grove, California, to Sathasavim's residence. Consistent with other illegal narcotics being sent through the U.S. Mail, the names of the sender and recipient were names not associated with the addresses used on the mailing label.

26. By reason of the foregoing, the defendant currency is subject to forfeiture to the United States pursuant to the statutory authority set forth in paragraph 5 hereof.

WHEREFORE, plaintiff prays that this Court enter judgment condemning the defendant currency and forfeiting it to the United States of America for disposition according to law and for such other relief as this Court may deem just and proper.

Respectfully submitted,

JUSTIN E. HERDMAN
United States Attorney

By:




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VERIFICATION

STATE OF OHIO)
) SS.
COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA)

I, Phillip J. Tripi, being first duly sworn, depose and say that I am an Assistant United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio, and one of the attorneys for the Plaintiff in this action. Under penalty of perjury I depose and say the foregoing Complaint in Forfeiture is based upon information officially provided to me and is true as I verily believe.


Phillip J. Tripi
Assistant U.S. Attorney

Sworn to and subscribed in my presence this 31st day of October, 2018.


Notary Public



Angela M. Lapp
Notary Public
State of Ohio
County of Cuyahoga
My Comm. Exp. 11/28/2021

JS 44 (Rev. 11/15)

CIVIL COVER SHEET

The JS 44 civil cover sheet and the information contained herein neither replace nor supplement the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law, except as provided by local rules of court. This form, approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States in September 1974, is required for the use of the Clerk of Court for the purpose of initiating the civil docket sheet. (SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON NEXT PAGE OF THIS FORM.)

I. (a) PLAINTIFFS

United States of America

(b) County of Residence of First Listed Plaintiff

(EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES)

(c) Attorneys (Firm Name, Address, and Telephone Number)

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DEFENDANTS

\$8,880.00 in U.S. Currency

County of Residence of First Listed Defendant Cuyahoga, Ohio

(IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY)

NOTE: IN LAND CONDEMNATION CASES, USE THE LOCATION OF THE TRACT OF LAND INVOLVED.

Attorneys (If Known)

Mark B. Marein
Marein & Bradley
222 Leader Building, 526 Superior Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44114

II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

- ☒ 1 U.S. Government Plaintiff
☐ 2 U.S. Government Defendant
☐ 3 Federal Question (U.S. Government Not a Party)
☐ 4 Diversity (Indicate Citizenship of Parties in Item III)

III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES (Place an "X" in One Box for Plaintiff and One Box for Defendant)

- | | PTF | DEF | | PTF | DEF |
|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Citizen of This State | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 | Incorporated or Principal Place of Business In This State | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 |
| Citizen of Another State | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 | Incorporated and Principal Place of Business In Another State | <input type="checkbox"/> 5 | <input type="checkbox"/> 5 |
| Citizen or Subject of a Foreign Country | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 | Foreign Nation | <input type="checkbox"/> 6 | <input type="checkbox"/> 6 |

IV. NATURE OF SUIT (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

CONTRACT	TORTS	FORFEITURE/PENALTY	BANKRUPTCY	OTHER STATUTES	
<input type="checkbox"/> 110 Insurance <input type="checkbox"/> 120 Marine <input type="checkbox"/> 130 Miller Act <input type="checkbox"/> 140 Negotiable Instrument <input type="checkbox"/> 150 Recovery of Overpayment & Enforcement of Judgment <input type="checkbox"/> 151 Medicare Act <input type="checkbox"/> 152 Recovery of Defaulted Student Loans (Excludes Veterans) <input type="checkbox"/> 153 Recovery of Overpayment of Veteran's Benefits <input type="checkbox"/> 160 Stockholders' Suits <input type="checkbox"/> 190 Other Contract <input type="checkbox"/> 195 Contract Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 196 Franchise	PERSONAL INJURY <input type="checkbox"/> 310 Airplane <input type="checkbox"/> 315 Airplane Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 320 Assault, Libel & Slander <input type="checkbox"/> 330 Federal Employers' Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 340 Marine <input type="checkbox"/> 345 Marine Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 350 Motor Vehicle <input type="checkbox"/> 355 Motor Vehicle Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 360 Other Personal Injury <input type="checkbox"/> 362 Personal Injury - Medical Malpractice	PERSONAL INJURY <input type="checkbox"/> 365 Personal Injury - Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 367 Health Care/Pharmaceutical Personal Injury Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 368 Asbestos Personal Injury Product Liability PERSONAL PROPERTY <input type="checkbox"/> 370 Other Fraud <input type="checkbox"/> 371 Truth in Lending <input type="checkbox"/> 380 Other Personal Property Damage <input type="checkbox"/> 385 Property Damage Product Liability	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 625 Drug Related Seizure of Property 21 USC 881 <input type="checkbox"/> 690 Other LABOR <input type="checkbox"/> 710 Fair Labor Standards Act <input type="checkbox"/> 720 Labor/Management Relations <input type="checkbox"/> 740 Railway Labor Act <input type="checkbox"/> 751 Family and Medical Leave Act <input type="checkbox"/> 790 Other Labor Litigation <input type="checkbox"/> 791 Employee Retirement Income Security Act IMMIGRATION <input type="checkbox"/> 462 Naturalization Application <input type="checkbox"/> 465 Other Immigration Actions	<input type="checkbox"/> 422 Appeal 28 USC 158 <input type="checkbox"/> 423 Withdrawal 28 USC 157 PROPERTY RIGHTS <input type="checkbox"/> 820 Copyrights <input type="checkbox"/> 830 Patent <input type="checkbox"/> 840 Trademark SOCIAL SECURITY <input type="checkbox"/> 861 HIA (1395ff) <input type="checkbox"/> 862 Black Lung (923) <input type="checkbox"/> 863 DIWC/DIWW (405(g)) <input type="checkbox"/> 864 SSID Title XVI <input type="checkbox"/> 865 RSI (405(g)) FEDERAL TAX SUITS <input type="checkbox"/> 870 Taxes (U.S. Plaintiff or Defendant) <input type="checkbox"/> 871 IRS—Third Party 26 USC 7609	<input type="checkbox"/> 375 False Claims Act <input type="checkbox"/> 376 Qui Tam (31 USC 3729(a)) <input type="checkbox"/> 400 State Reapportionment <input type="checkbox"/> 410 Antitrust <input type="checkbox"/> 430 Banks and Banking <input type="checkbox"/> 450 Commerce <input type="checkbox"/> 460 Deportation <input type="checkbox"/> 470 Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations <input type="checkbox"/> 480 Consumer Credit <input type="checkbox"/> 490 Cable/Sat TV <input type="checkbox"/> 850 Securities/Commodities/Exchange <input type="checkbox"/> 890 Other Statutory Actions <input type="checkbox"/> 891 Agricultural Acts <input type="checkbox"/> 893 Environmental Matters <input type="checkbox"/> 895 Freedom of Information Act <input type="checkbox"/> 896 Arbitration <input type="checkbox"/> 899 Administrative Procedure Act/Review or Appeal of Agency Decision <input type="checkbox"/> 950 Constitutionality of State Statutes
REAL PROPERTY <input type="checkbox"/> 210 Land Condemnation <input type="checkbox"/> 220 Foreclosure <input type="checkbox"/> 230 Rent Lease & Ejectment <input type="checkbox"/> 240 Torts to Land <input type="checkbox"/> 245 Tort Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 290 All Other Real Property	CIVIL RIGHTS <input type="checkbox"/> 440 Other Civil Rights <input type="checkbox"/> 441 Voting <input type="checkbox"/> 442 Employment <input type="checkbox"/> 443 Housing/Accommodations <input type="checkbox"/> 445 Amer. w/Disabilities - Employment <input type="checkbox"/> 446 Amer. w/Disabilities - Other <input type="checkbox"/> 448 Education	PRISONER PETITIONS Habeas Corpus: <input type="checkbox"/> 463 Alien Detainee <input type="checkbox"/> 510 Motions to Vacate Sentence <input type="checkbox"/> 530 General <input type="checkbox"/> 535 Death Penalty Other: <input type="checkbox"/> 540 Mandamus & Other <input type="checkbox"/> 550 Civil Rights <input type="checkbox"/> 555 Prison Condition <input type="checkbox"/> 560 Civil Detainee - Conditions of Confinement			

V. ORIGIN (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

- ☒ 1 Original Proceeding
☐ 2 Removed from State Court
☐ 3 Remanded from Appellate Court
☐ 4 Reinstated or Reopened
☐ 5 Transferred from Another District (specify)
☐ 6 Multidistrict Litigation

VI. CAUSE OF ACTION

Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing (Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity):

Brief description of cause:

Civil Forfeiture Action pursuant to 21 U.S.C. Section 881(a)(6)

VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT:
☐ CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION UNDER RULE 23, F.R.Cv.P.

DEMAND \$

CHECK YES only if demanded in complaint:

JURY DEMAND: ☐ Yes ☐ No**VIII. RELATED CASE(S) IF ANY**

(See instructions):

JUDGE

DOCKET NUMBER

DATE
11/01/2018

SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OF RECORD

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

RECEIPT #

AMOUNT

APPLYING IFP

JUDGE

MAG. JUDGE

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO**

I. Civil Categories: (Please check one category only).

1. ☒ General Civil
2. ☐ Administrative Review/Social Security
3. ☐ Habeas Corpus Death Penalty

*If under Title 28, §2255, name the SENTENCING JUDGE: _____

CASE NUMBER: _____

II. **RELATED OR REFILED CASES.** See LR 3.1 which provides in pertinent part: "If an action is filed or removed to this Court and assigned to a District Judge after which it is discontinued, dismissed or remanded to a State court, and subsequently refiled, it shall be assigned to the same Judge who received the initial case assignment without regard for the place of holding court in which the case was refiled. Counsel or a party without counsel shall be responsible for bringing such cases to the attention of the Court by responding to the questions included on the Civil Cover Sheet."

This action is ☐ **RELATED** to another **PENDING** civil case. This action is ☐ **REFILED** pursuant to **LR 3.1**.

If applicable, please indicate on page 1 in section VIII, the name of the Judge and case number.

III. In accordance with Local Civil Rule 3.8, actions involving counties in the Eastern Division shall be filed at any of the divisional offices therein. Actions involving counties in the Western Division shall be filed at the Toledo office. For the purpose of determining the proper division, and for statistical reasons, the following information is requested.

ANSWER ONE PARAGRAPH ONLY. ANSWER PARAGRAPHS 1 THRU 3 IN ORDER. UPON FINDING WHICH PARAGRAPH APPLIES TO YOUR CASE, ANSWER IT AND STOP.

(1) **Resident defendant.** If the defendant resides in a county within this district, please set forth the name of such county

COUNTY: Cuyahoga

Corporation For the purpose of answering the above, a corporation is deemed to be a resident of that county in which it has its principal place of business in that district.

(2) **Non-Resident defendant.** If no defendant is a resident of a county in this district, please set forth the county wherein the cause of action arose or the event complained of occurred.

COUNTY:

(3) **Other Cases.** If no defendant is a resident of this district, or if the defendant is a corporation not having a principle place of business within the district, and the cause of action arose or the event complained of occurred outside this district, please set forth the county of the plaintiff's residence.

COUNTY:

IV. The Counties in the Northern District of Ohio are divided into divisions as shown below. After the county is determined in Section III, please check the appropriate division.

EASTERN DIVISION

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AKRON

(Counties: Carroll, Holmes, Portage, Stark, Summit, Tuscarawas and Wayne)

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CLEVELAND

(Counties: Ashland, Ashtabula, Crawford, Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain, Medina and Richland)

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YOUNGSTOWN

(Counties: Columbiana, Mahoning and Trumbull)

WESTERN DIVISION

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TOLEDO

(Counties: Allen, Auglaize, Defiance, Erie, Fulton, Hancock, Hardin, Henry, Huron, Lucas, Marion, Mercer, Ottawa, Paulding, Putnam, Sandusky, Seneca VanWert, Williams, Wood and Wyandot)

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Please issue a Warrant of Arrest in Rem to the U.S. Customs and Border Protection on behalf of the United States Attorney's Office.

Respectfully submitted,

Justin E. Herdman
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United States District Court

NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO

WARRANT OF ARREST *IN REM*

TO: THE UNITED STATES MARSHAL, U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION,
AND/OR ANY OTHER DULY AUTHORIZED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER:

WHEREAS, on 11/01/2018 a Complaint in Forfeiture
was filed in this Court by Justin E. Herdman, United States Attorney for this District, on behalf of the United
States, against:

\$8,880.00 in U.S. Currency

CATS Asset ID# 18-CBP-000373

and WHEREAS, the defendant properties are currently in the possession, custody or control of the United
States; and,

WHEREAS, Rule G(3)(b)(i) of the Supplemental Rules for Admiralty or Maritime Claims and Asset
Forfeiture Actions directs the Clerk of the Court to issue a warrant of arrest *in rem* for the arrest of the defendant
properties; and,

WHEREAS, Rule G(3)(c) of the Supplemental Rules for Admiralty or Maritime Claims and Asset
Forfeiture Actions provides that the warrant of arrest *in rem* must be delivered to a person or organization
authorized to execute it;

YOU ARE COMMANDED to arrest the defendant properties by serving a copy of this warrant on the
custodian in whose possession, custody or control the properties are presently found, and to use whatever means
may be appropriate to protect and maintain it in your custody until further order of this Court.

YOU ARE FURTHER COMMANDED to file the same in this Court with your return thereon.

WITNESS THE HONORABLE

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE AT

DATE

CLERK

(BY) DEPUTY CLERK

Returnable -60- days after issue.

CBP

DISTRICT

DATE RECEIVED

DATE EXECUTED

PRINTED NAME

SIGNATURE

U.S. Department of Justice
United States Marshals Service

PROCESS RECEIPT AND RETURN
See "Instructions for Service of Process by U.S. Marshal"

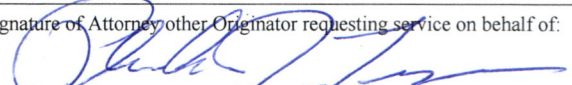
PLAINTIFF United States of America	COURT CASE NUMBER
DEFENDANT \$8,880.00 in U.S. Currency	TYPE OF PROCESS Warrant of Arrest in Rem

SERVE AT { NAME OF INDIVIDUAL, COMPANY, CORPORATION, ETC. TO SERVE OR DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY TO SEIZE OR CONDEMN
\$8,880.00 in U.S. Currency
ADDRESS (Street or RFD, Apartment No., City, State and ZIP Code)

SEND NOTICE OF SERVICE COPY TO REQUESTER AT NAME AND ADDRESS BELOW Phillip J. Tripi, Assistant United States Attorney Office of the United States Attorney 400 United States Courthouse Cleveland, Ohio 44113	Number of process to be served with this Form 285	1
	Number of parties to be served in this case	1
	Check for service on U.S.A.	

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS OR OTHER INFORMATION THAT WILL ASSIST IN EXPEDITING SERVICE (*Include Business and Alternate Addresses, All Telephone Numbers, and Estimated Times Available for Service*):

Fold Fold

Signature of Attorney/other Originator requesting service on behalf of: 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PLAINTIFF <input type="checkbox"/> DEFENDANT	TELEPHONE NUMBER 216-622-3769	DATE 11/1/18
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SPACE BELOW FOR USE OF U.S. MARSHAL ONLY-- DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE

I acknowledge receipt for the total number of process indicated. (Sign only for USM 285 if more than one USM 285 is submitted)	Total Process	District of Origin	District to Serve	Signature of Authorized USMS Deputy or Clerk	Date
		No. _____	No. _____		

I hereby certify and return that I ☐ have personally served, ☐ have legal evidence of service, ☐ have executed as shown in "Remarks", the process described on the individual, company, corporation, etc., at the address shown above on the on the individual, company, corporation, etc. shown at the address inserted below.

☐ I hereby certify and return that I am unable to locate the individual, company, corporation, etc. named above (*See remarks below*)

Name and title of individual served (<i>if not shown above</i>)	<input type="checkbox"/> A person of suitable age and discretion then residing in defendant's usual place of abode
Address (<i>complete only different than shown above</i>)	Date _____ Time _____ <input type="checkbox"/> am <input type="checkbox"/> pm
	Signature of U.S. Marshal or Deputy

Service Fee	Total Mileage Charges including <i>endeavors</i>)	Forwarding Fee	Total Charges	Advance Deposits	Amount owed to U.S. Marshal* or (Amount of Refund*)
					\$0.00

REMARKS:

PRINT 5 COPIES:

1. CLERK OF THE COURT
2. USMS RECORD
3. NOTICE OF SERVICE
4. BILLING STATEMENT*: To be returned to the U.S. Marshal with payment, if any amount is owed. Please remit promptly payable to U.S. Marshal.
5. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT

PRIOR EDITIONS MAY BE USED

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Party-in-Interest: Stefan Sathasivam
c/o Mark B. Marein, Esq.
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Cleveland, Ohio 44114-1210

The above-captioned forfeiture action was filed in U.S. District Court on November 1, 2018. A copy of the complaint is attached. If you claim an interest in any of the defendant currency, the following applies.

Pursuant to Rule G of the Supplemental Rules for Admiralty or Maritime and Asset Forfeiture Claims, you are required to file with the Court, and serve upon Phillip J. Tripi, plaintiff's attorney, whose address is United States Attorney's Office; United States Court House; 801 West Superior Avenue, Suite 400;

Cleveland, Ohio 44113, a verified claim to the defendant currency within thirty-five (35) days after your receipt of the complaint. Said claim shall contain the information required by Rule G(5) of the said Supplemental Rules. Additionally, you must file and serve an answer to the complaint or a motion under Rule 12 of the Civil Rules of Procedure, within twenty (20) days after the filing of the claim, exclusive of the date of filing. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken for the relief demanded in the complaint.

Very truly yours,

Justin E. Herdman
United States Attorney

Date: November 1, 2018 By:



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